REMARKS

Claims 2-69 are presently pending in this application. In order to aid prosecution and allowance, Applicants hereby cancel claims 3-4, 11-13, 15, 31, and 37-58 without prejudice, amend claims 2, 10, 14, 30, 36, 59, and 65 without prejudice or waiver, and add claims 75-77. No new matter has been added by these amendments. By these amendments, Applicants do not disclaim any subject matter to which the Applicants are entitled. *Warner-Jenkinson Co. v. Hilton-Davis Chem. Co.*, 41 U.S.P.Q.2d 1865 (U.S. 1997). Applicants make these amendments only in order to expedite prosecution of the present case and place it in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes further discussion will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1067. If any extensions or fees are not accounted for, such extension is requested and the associated fee should be charged to our deposit account.

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